

toes. The traditional way of ridding a greenhouse of crickets is to pour buckets of soapy water over the ground, forcing the crickets to the surface. One grower took three buckets of live crickets to the local aquarium last year, as fish food! This September in the sunshine I watched a large colony of Blue-Winged grasshoppers on a cliff path, a marvellous tonic before dark winter nights overtook us.

Our local enthusiasts, Dr. Peter Costen, Mr. & Mrs. Rich Austin and myself are always pleased to meet visiting entomologists, and I am grateful for their help in increasing our knowledge of Guernsey's insect fauna.

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TETHEA FLUCTUOSA HBN. (LEP.: THYATIRIDAE) IN N. W. KENT. — This insect seems to have been a rarity in this section of the county; in the latter part of the 19th century and early years of the present one, only occasional specimens have been reported. Since the Second World War four singletons have been seen, at Bromley, Orpington and Farningham Wood (2). On July 9th 1987, a specimen was attracted to my garden m.v. light at Dartford, and was followed by others on July 10th (3), July 4th (1) July 15th (4) and July 19th (2). 1987 was the nineteenth year of running the light in this locality!

J. Chalmers-Hunt (*Butterflies and Moths of Kent* 3: 240) comments 'Has increased markedly of late, especially in the Ham Street area, where it was unknown prior to 1955'. It is now common there, including melanic forms. The Dartford specimens were all typical. — B. K. WEST, 36 Briar Road, Dartford, Kent.

AN EARLY GLOUCESTERSHIRE RECORD OF THE CODLING MOTH CYDIA POMONELLA L. — During the 1840s, at least seven lady members of the Clifford family, who were at that time resident at Frampton Manor (about ten miles south of Gloucester), created some 200 drawings of local wild plants and related objects. During 1985, Century Hutchinson published reproductions of these, together with a Foreword by Richard Mabey, as *The Frampton Flora*. During 1987, whilst at the annual conference of the National Federation for Biological Recording at Bristol, I attended a civic reception at the Bristol City Museum, and here I was able to closely examine the original Clifford family paintings, which were hanging as a temporary exhibition. I was interested to note that picture number 75, of six "Old Pearmain" apples, reproduced on page 170 of *The Frampton Flora* was quite clearly afflicted with larvae of the codling moth *Cydia pomonella*. Though this picture is undated, it was certainly painted at some time during the 1840s, and as such provides an interesting early record. COLIN W. PLANT Passmore Edwards Museum, 29 Romford Road, Stratford, London E15 4LY.